UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Ohio

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST OHIO
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In the Matter of the Search of
(Briefly describe the property to be searched or identify the person by name and address)

Priority Mail Express parcel label number EK311947133US, postmarked July 5, 2014, 3 pounds 1 ounce, addressed to Rob Anderson, 4200 Taylor Road Building C Apt #12, 45103 with a return address of Fix laptop, 2109 Taraval St, SF, CA 94116

Case No. 1:14MJ-431

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property *(identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location)*:

Priority Mail Express parcel label number EK311947133US

located in the Southern District of Ohio, there is now concealed *(identify the person or describe the property to be seized)*:

Controlled Substances, materials and documents reflecting the distribution of controlled substances through the U.S. Mails, including money and/or monetary instruments paid for controlled substances

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is *(check one or more)*:

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of: Title 21

Code Section	*Offense Description*
841 (a) (1), 843 (b) & 846	Conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

The application is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit of U.S. Postal Inspector O'Neill

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

☐ Delayed notice ______ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: ______) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

[signature]
Applicant's signature

Karen L. O'Neill, U. S. Postal Inspector
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 7/10/14

[signature]
Judge's signature

City and state: Cincinnati, Ohio

Honorable Stephanie K. Bowman
United States Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
CINCINNATI, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO)
) SS
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

I, KAREN O'NEILL, HAVING BEEN DULY SWORN, DEPOSE AND STATE: I am a United States Postal Inspector, having been so employed since March 2003. I am presently assigned to the Cincinnati Field Office, Pittsburgh Division of the Postal Inspection Service with investigative responsibility for Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeast Indiana. Part of my investigative responsibility involves the use of the United States Mail in the transporting of narcotics and other dangerous controlled substances and financial proceeds relating thereto.

Your affiant has become aware that drug traffickers frequently use Express Mail, a business-oriented overnight service offered by the United States Postal Service, to transport narcotics and other dangerous controlled substances, and their proceeds or instrumentalities from the sale of the controlled substances. Your affiant has also become aware that drug traffickers frequently use Priority Mail with delivery confirmation, a 2-3 day service offered by the United States Postal Service. As a result of investigations and successful controlled substance prosecutions where the Mail was used, your affiant has learned of certain characteristics indicative of other Mail items previously identified as containing narcotics or other dangerous controlled substances, their proceeds or instrumentalities from the sale of the controlled substances. Some of these characteristics include, but are not necessarily limited to or used on every occasion, the mailer using different post offices on the same day to send parcels, false or non-existent return address, addressee is not known to receive mail at the listed delivery address, the package is heavily taped, the package is mailed from a known drug source location, labeling information contains misspellings, the label contains an illegible waiver signature, unusual odors emanating from the package, and the listed address is located in an area of known or suspected drug activity.

On July 7, 2014, your affiant requested a check in the postal tracking system for parcels going to southern Ohio. Priority Mail parcel label number EK206511609US and Priority Mail Express parcel label number EK311947133US addressed to 4200 Taylor Road, Batavia, Ohio 45103 coming from northern California, a known drug source area.

Your affiant contacted a supervisor at the Batavia Post Office, Batavia, Ohio regarding the aforementioned parcels. The parcels are addressed to Rob Anderson, 4200 Taylor Road Building C Apt #12, Batavia, Ohio with a return address of Fix Laptop, 2109 Taraval St, SF, CA 94116. Your affiant learned that "Rob Anderson" had filed a change of address with the post office and no longer received mail at the Taylor Road address.

Your affiant requested to have the parcels sent to her location for further investigation.

On July 8, 2014, your affiant received Priority Mail parcel label number EK206511609US and Priority Mail Express parcel label number EK311947133US.

Your affiant did a check in Clear regarding the return address 2109 Taraval St, SF, CA 94116. Clear is a law enforcement database that is used as a tool for investigators to identify person/business and address information. According to Clear, "Fix Laptop" is not associated with 2109 Taraval St, SF, CA 94116.

Your affiant did a check in Google for the business name "FixLaptop.Com" and located a business with that name at 2101 Taraval Street, San Francisco, CA 94116.

On July 8, 2014, the Cincinnati Police Department Narcotics Unit was contacted to arrange for a narcotic canine to check the parcels. Officer Phil Stoup responded to the Cincinnati Postal Inspection Service office, Cincinnati, Ohio where the parcels were placed in a separate controlled area and presented to narcotic canine, "Max". "Max" alerted positively to the presence or odor of a controlled substance or their proceeds or instrumentalities upon Priority Mail parcel label number EK206511609US and Priority Mail

Express parcel label number EK311947133US addressed to Rob Anderson, 4200 Taylor Road Building C Apt #12, Batavia, Ohio 45103. Attached herewith, and made part hereof by reference, is a photocopy of the narcotic canine handler's record of examination.

Parcel #1 is further identified as follows: a U.S. Postal Service Priority Mail cardboard box 12" x 12" x 5 ½" in size, bearing label number EK206511609US, weighing 3 pounds 2 ounces, postmarked July 5, 2014; see address information below:

Sender: Fixlaptop.com
2109 Taraval St
SF, CA 94116

Addressee: Rob Anderson
4200 Taylor Road Building C Apt #12
Batavia, Ohio 45103

Parcel #2 is further identified as follows: a U.S. Postal Service Priority Mail cardboard box 12" x 12" x 5 ½", bearing label number EK311947133US, weighing 3 pounds 1 ounce, postmarked July 5, 2014; see address information below:

Sender: Fix laptop
2109 Taraval St
SF, CA 94116

Addressee: Rob Anderson
4200 Taylor Road Building C Apt #12
45103

This information, along with the positive alert of narcotic canine "Max" is indicative of a drug package or its proceeds.

Based on the information contained herein, your affiant believes that contained in Priority Mail parcel label number EK206511609US and Priority Mail Express parcel label number EK311947133US is a quantity of a narcotic or other dangerous controlled substance, their proceeds or instrumentalities.

Therefore, a search warrant to open the parcel is requested.

Further, your affiant sayeth naught.

Karen O'Neill
Postal Inspector

Subscribed and sworn to and before me this 10th day of July, 2014.

Honorable Stephanie K. Bowman
United States Magistrate Judge

United States Postal Inspection Service
Pittsburgh Division

OFFICER AFFIDAVIT

I, Officer Phil Stoup, am and have been employed by the Cincinnati Police Department since 1993. Among other duties, I am currently the assigned handler of narcotics detection canine "Max" which is trained and certified in the detection of the presence or odor of narcotics described as follows:

marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin

On 7-8-14, at the request of Postal Inspector K. O'Neill, I responded to Cincy Postal Inspectors office, where "Max" did alert to and indicate upon: [describe item]

PM Express EK311947133US Rob Anderson 4200 Taylor Road Building C Apt #12 45703 with a return FN Laptop 2109 Taraval St SF CA 94116

Which, based upon my training and experience and that of "Max", indicates there is contained within or upon the above described item, the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance.

[signature] 07·08·14
(Signature and Date)

[signature] 7-8-14
(Signature and Date)

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